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EXTRA FROM POLITICAL SITUATION REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 10 1937

The pamphlets scattered by Japanese planes on the morning of September 9, over Nantao were of three kinds. Translations are as follows :

(1) To the Chinese Capitalists and the People.

Chiang's party is very anxious to retain its control of political power. It has even enforced a policy of tolerating the communists. It has withheld the capital and deposits of the people on the pretext of using them for national defence, and squandered them. We should like to ask the following questions :

Political power can be lost, but can a nation exist when the financial resources of that nation are exhausted?

How can the people work and live in peace when they possess no property?

(2) To our Brothers.

The Nanking Government has massacred true patriots on the ground of being traitors. It intends to carry out a policy of killing every patriot. Where is China going?

Do you know that the policy of tolerating the communists is a policy of hastening the destruction of China?

(3) National salvation funds have been Misappropriated by Staff Employees !

A number of those who misappropriated the money together wi with their conspirators have been arrested by the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Commander's Headquarters. That you have lost money while they have become rich has been confirmed by facts.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C.S.6, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date December 18, 19 40.

Subject Jewish Liberal Society - Festival to be held at 100 Kinchow Road, on December 25th, 1940.

Made by D.S.I. Wittinsky, *Forwarded by* Supt. Mason.

x See also F4402

With reference to the attached communication received from the "Juedisch-Liberale Gemeinde" (Jewish Liberal Society) located at Lane 154, House 5, Alcock Road, requesting permission to hold a celebration of the "Chanukkah Festival" (X'Mass) on December 25th, 1940, at 100 Kinchow Road, (premises of the Kadoorie School) enquiries elicited the following:-

The Jewish Liberal Society was inaugurated in April, 1940, by Messrs. Hugo Alexander and Heinrich Warterburger. The society, which claims to have about 1,500 followers, is recognized and subsidized by the "I.C." and has for its aims the promotion of religion and culture among German-Jewish refugees. Since October 1940, regular religious ceremonies are held on Fridays and Saturdays by the Society in the "Eastern Cinema", 144 Muirhead Road, and the "Restaurant Rosenthal", at 69 Chusan Road.

Mr. H. Alexander, German-Jew, is the leader of the organization and was, for a short period, connected with the General Organization of "Theodor Herzl" Zionists, 805/5 East Seward Road. He is a well-to-do person, and is the owner of property at 1825 Avenue Joffre. His present address is 154/5 Alcock Road.

Mr. H. Wartenberger, German-Jew, a cantor, was, for a period of several months, in 1939, the owner of a restaurant at 68 Chusan Road. He resides at present at 818/16 Tongshan Road.

With regard to the proposed festival, which is to be held on December 25th, this function will be open to the general public and attendance of about 200 persons is expected. An entry fee of $1.- per person will be charged and the

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proceeds will be donated to the "I.C." fund.

The programme of the festival, which is to begin at 8 p.m. and finish at about 2 a.m., will consist of a religious service delivered by H.Wartenberger in the German and Hebrew languages, and from 9 p.m. until the end, of vocal numbers from light operas, humouristic recitals and dancing. During the course of the festivities it is proposed to hold a "Tombola" when articles, donated by followers of the society, will be raffled at the price of 10 cents a ticket.

No objection.

There is nothing in S.M.P. records detrimental to the character of either Mr.Alexander or Mr.Wartenberger.

O. Wittinsky.
D. S. I.

A.C.(Special Branch).

Shanghai, 11 th December 1940
A/W

To S. M. C. -Settlement Police- ,
local

We intend to organize on the Wednesday, 25 th of December an arrangement (elocutions, dancing, lottery a.s.o.) ? apropos of the Jewish Chanukkah - Festival (Xmas), in the "S.J.Y.A.-School", Kinchow Road.

We beg leave to apply for the permission to carry this performance through for longer than the closing hour.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully

Kultus - Verwaltung
fuer
HARMONIUM-GOTTESDIENSTE
Office: 154/5 Alcock Road

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C.S.6, Special Branch

REPORT

Date March 6, 1941.

Subject. Meeting of the Followers of the Hermann Falkenberg Synagogues to be held on March 16th, 1941.

Made by. D.S.I. Wittinsky. Forwarded by Supt. Mason.

With reference to the contents of the attached communication stating that friends of the Hermann Falkenberg synagogues intend to hold a meeting in the Kadoorie School, 100 Kinchow Road, on March 16th, 1941, the following particulars have been obtained :-

The meeting is being sponsored by Messrs.

1) Jacob Gerson, German-Jew, merchant, 425/4 Kungping Road.
2) Alfred Mendelsohn, German-Jew, merchant, 36 Chusan Road, and
3) Alfred Silberstein, German-Jew, lawyer, 275 Avenue Petain, all of whom are former members and followers of the H.Falkenberg synagogues in Europe and are now members of the General Organization of "Theodor Herzl" Zionists, 805/5 East Seward Road.

The object of the meeting is to re-unite former followers of the H.Falkenberg synagogues, who may be at present in Shanghai, and with a view to ultimately forming a religious organization similar to that of the "Jewish Liberal Society" located at 154/5 Alcock Road.

The proposed meeting is scheduled for the 16-3-41, beginning at 4 p.m., when children of the poorer Jewish families will be entertained by songs, recitals, stories of Jewish folklore, and will be served light refreshments and cakes.

At 8.15 p.m. there will be a performance which has been arranged by the precentors of the local synagogues in conjunction with the officiating committees of local

Sent 6/3.

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Jewish relief and aid committees. The performance consists of Jewish religious songs, in the Hebrew language, which will be rendered either in chorus or solos by members of the synagogue.

After an intermission, at about 9 p.m., a concert of classical music and arias from operas by Puccini, Verdi, Gounod, as well as airs from light operas, will be rendered by Messrs. H.Alexander, S. Gutfreund, P.Schlesinger and Mrs.R.Gerstel-Albach.

The programme of the proposed performance does not contain anything objectionable from a Police point of view.

Some 200 persons are expected to attend, admission being from 50 ¢ to $1.00 to cover the children's entertainment and advertising expenses.

There is nothing in S.M.P. records detrimental to the sponsors of the meeting.

D. S. I.

A.C.(Special Branch).

Jacob Gerson
425/4 Kungping Road

Shanghai, February 27, 1941.

To the
Shanghai Municipal Council
Shanghai

Dear Sirs,

The following persons:
Mr. Jacob Gerson, 425/4 Kungping Road
Dr. Silberstein 275 Av. Petain, Tel: 79267
Holder of the firm:"General Magazine", 337 Av. Haig, Tel: 79104
Mr. Alfred Mendelsohn, 36 Chusan Road.
beg to ask for permission to held a meeting at Kadoori School, loo Kinchow Road, on March 16, 1941.

Sir Kadoori has already given his allowance to use the great hall for this purpose.

This meeting is held for the former members and friends of the Hermann Falkenberg Synagoges.

In The afternoon from 4 to 6 o8clock poor children will be entertained by chocolate and cake.

In the evening, beginning at 8:30, will be a sermon of a clergyman and musical and artistic performances.
The end of the meeting will be at 12 o'clock midnight.
I remain, dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully

Jacob Gerson

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

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Special Branch. Station. File No. Date July 16, 1941.

SUBJECT: Commemorative Celebration to be held by BRITH NOAR ZIONI.

With reference to the attached communication from Brith Noar Zioni, Mr. Gerhard Lilienstern, German Jewish Refugee, chairman of the said organization, was interviewed to-day, when the following particulars were obtained:

BRITH NOAR ZIONI is an association of Zionist youth, whose aims are similar to the "Theodor Herzl" organization, which is registered with the Police. The association has approximately 150 refugee members and sympathisers, all of whom are expected to attend the proposed meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 20, and is held in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism.

Rabbi Dr. Teichner will address the meeting, telling the audience about the life and work of the late Dr. T. Herzl; several songs and a memorial poem will conclude the gathering, which is expected to last approximately one hour. There is nothing of an objectionable nature in the proposed programme.

In view of the fact that the meeting will be held at the Chaoufoong Road Refugee Camp, 580 Chaoufoong Road, the use of the main hall of which is given gratis by the Camp authorities, no admission fee will be charged.

Mr. Gerhard Lilienstern resides at 102 Edinburgh Rd.

Copies sent to D.O.D. & O.i/c Wayside, 16/7.

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A. C. (Special Branch).

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ASSOCIATION of ZIONIST YOUTH
BRITH NOAR ZIONI
c/o G. Lilienstern
102 Edinburgh Road Tel: 23261
Shanghai China

July 10th 1941.

To the Commissioner of the Police
Shanghai Municipal Council
Shanghai China.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly take knowledge that we arrange on Sunday 20th of July 9.30 a.m. in the hall of Chaufoong Camp 580 Chaufoong Road a memorial celebration for Dr. Th. Herzl (the founder of zionism). Programme: Memorial speech of Rabbiner Teichner, two songs (hebrew) of some youth members and a memorial poem.

We remain, Dear Sirs

Yours faithfully

BRITH NOAR ZIONI
Association of Zionist Youth

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Special Branch - S.M.P. Station

REPORT

Date February 15, 1941

Subject (in full) Association of Zionist Youth - Meeting to be held on February 17, 1941.

Made by D.S.I. Pitts Forwarded by C.D.I. Tabrum

With reference to the contents of the attached communication stating that the Association of Zionist Youth intends holding a meeting for parents of its young members at 8.30 p.m. February 17, 1941 at Restaurant Tal, 315/14 Wayside Road, the object of same is to allow these parents to see for themselves the manner in which their children are spending their time at the Association. There is nothing objectionable in the arrangement which, it would appear, does not require to be licensed. Certain of the children will sing songs, recite and tell stories of Jewish folklore in accordance with the training they have had at the hands of the Association.

The meeting, at which nothing of a political nature will be discussed, is being sponsored by Mr. LILIENSTERN, German Jewish refugee, residing at 102 Edinburgh Road.

D.S.I.

A.C. (Special Branch).

Sent 15/2

Sir
Suggest C. Wayside be informed as D S Meyer be instructed to pay a visit during the performance
15/2

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Special Branch, S.M.P.

REPORT

Date October 26, 1940

Subject (in full) BRIT MOA ZION SOCIETY: application for permission to hold meeting.

Made by D.I.S. Killingbeck. Forwarded by D.I. Crawford.

With reference to the attached application for permission to hold a meeting in the Restaurant Rosenthal, on Sunday, October 27, the BRIT MOA ZION Society is a society solely for the improvement of conditions for local Jewish young folk, between the ages of approximately 16 to 17 years.

It is intended that about 70 persons will attend the meeting, at which the speeches to be made will all be in connection with the work of the Society during the past. Jewish songs and hymns will be sung and no political matter will be introduced.

There will be no charge for admission, but a small collection will be taken, as the Society hope to raise sufficient money to purchase a ping-pong table for the use of the young folk in the homes.

J. Killingbeck
D.I.S.

D.C. (Sp. Br.)

Seen 26/10.

To the S.M.C.

Shanghai,

Dear Sirs,

We have the honour to ask you for the permission to arrange a meeting of the youth of "Brit Noar Zioni" on Sunday the 27th October 1940 at Restaurant Rosenthal, Chusan-Road, Hongkew.

We assure you that there will ~~not~~ be held of no sort political speeches, only soggs of the youth and an exclusive Jewish theme.

At the same time we ask you instantly for the ratification of the licence of the named assosiation for which we have applied to you many weeks ago.

Hoping you will agree to our request, and begging to return you our best thanks, we remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully

for the "Brit Noar Zioni"

Shanghai, 26th October 1940

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REPORT

Date Sept. 13th, 1940.

Subject Brith Noahr Zioni Organization - Request for permission to arrange excursions and meetings.

Made by D.S.I. Pitts Forwarded by D.S.I. Logan

The Brith Noahr Zioni Organization requests permission to hold meetings and excursions for its members who comprise some 80-100 Jewish refugee youths between the ages of ten and eighteen years of age. The centre of this organization is located at House 33, 809 Tongshan Road, its sponsors being Dr. Bernhard ROSENBERG, German Jew, resident of Shanghai for seven years and at present living in the Denis Apartments and Dr. HERBST, well known Austrian refugee, who has been in this city for over 18 months. Both gentlemen are respectable citizens.

Sent, 13/9.

The aims of the organization are such as to inculcate Zionist teachings into the minds of the youthful members and no matters touching upon politics will be permitted.

The first excursion - to Liangwan - is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 1940, when the majority of the children will be taken in busses to the Civic Centre to enjoy a day's outing. On Monday, September 23, 1940 a meeting at which parents and children will attend in order to meet each other is scheduled to be held in the Restaurant Rosenthal, Chusan Road.

J. Pitts.

D. S. I.

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D. C. (Special Branch).

To the

S.M.D.

Shanghai

The undersigner asks in the name of the Brith Noahr Zioni for the permission to arrange discourses and excursions.

Members of this organistion are young girls and boys between ten and eighteen.

The aims of the named organisation are only Jewish without any ~~any~~ policy.

Our home is in the Tongshan Road 809 house 33.

We want to arrange our first excursion on Sunday 15th Sept.1940 to the Civic Centre,and the first meeting with the parents of the children on Monday 23th Sept.1940 ~~in~~ at the Restaurant Rosenthal,Chusan Road,Hongkew.

We hope that You will give this permission,and I remain with many thanks

Yours respectfully

455 Rue Lafayette 307

Shanghai,13th September 1940

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Special Branch Station. File No. Date July 7, 1941

SUBJECT: Central European Refugees - SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODDFELLOWS - Second Application to hold meetings.

With reference to the endorsement of the Commissioner of Police appearing on the attached report, the matter has been discussed at length with the two refugee committees and with Mr. Komor in particular. These committees and Mr. Komor have gone fully into the status and aims of the Shanghai Society of Oddfellows and have voiced the opinion that no good purpose would be served at the present time in allowing such an organization to function. In this connection it is of interest to refer to the original report dated September 18, 1940 (flagged) in which mention was made of a letter dated May 15, 1940 from the Sovereign Grand Lodge stating....."....it has been deemed prudent not to charter any new lodges in Europe or Asia at this time.. ...."

The local organization is unknown at the Chase Bank, 99 Nanking Road, which address appears on the notepaper of the Society.

Commr. of Police.
Sir:
Information.
A.C. (Sp. Br.)

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8 JUL 1941
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

D.S.I.

A.C. (Special Branch).

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Ref. No.

Shanghai Municipal Council.

POLICE FORCE.
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

P. O. BOX NO. 158

May 28, 1941.

Shanghai Society of European Odd-Fellows,
c/o Chase Bank,
19 Nanking Road.

Gentlemen,

I have been instructed by the Commissioner of Police to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 28, 1941, and in reply have to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

for Personal Assistant
to Commissioner of Police.

CSC.

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REPORT

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Special Branch ..... Station. File No. ..... Date May 29, 1941

SUBJECT: Central European Refugees - SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODDFELLOWS - Second Application to hold meetings.

With reference to the attached application for permission to hold meetings received from the SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODDFELLOWS "THOMAS WILDEY," your attention is drawn to the contents of a report (flagged) dated September 18, 1940 which gave full details of this organization. Despite the passage of time the circumstances outlined in the previous report do not appear to have changed and all pertinent facts and information still hold good.

Commissioner.
Sir.
Suggest no objections. The organization is not political

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J.a. Fiske.

D.S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch).

A.C. (Sp Br)
Before committing ourselves I should like you to discuss with the Refugee Central Committee (Mr Komor in particular). I agree there is no Police objection at the moment but the principle of permitting such societies is important & the size to which such might attain.

Commissioner of Police

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
31 MAY 1941
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Spaetere
Verbindung:

Chase Bank.
99 Nanking Road
Shanghai

Shanghai - Society

of

European Odd - Fellows.

„Thomas Wildey"

P. O. Box
226
Shanghai

Rg. Nr.

Shanghai 28th May 1941.

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Acknowledged, form E
General Reg 28/5/1941

To the
Commissioner of the Police
Foochow Road
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

With regard to our letter of 20th August 1940 and several following conversations with the competent official of the P.H.Q. the undersigned Society of Odd Fellows is asking again for the allowance to hold her meetings every week.

In the above mentioned conversations the P.H.Q. was duly informed about ideas and aims of our Society. We repeat that we only follow up ethical aims and during a " work-meeting "all political confessional and other improper speeches are forbidden. Since the last discussionon 20th September 1940 we had had no " working-meeting " because we had promised the official not to meet without the permission of the authority.

This circumstance impairs the connection in our Society very badly, because there is no possibility to talk over all affairs with the necessary thoroughness and the interest of the members gets cold. So this philantropical institution runs risk of losing many members. And tan would be destroyed a toilsome erected work which many a member of the Society had brought advice and help in time of need and sickness.

As you can see from the above mentioned you would do us a big favor in granting us the permission of weekly meeting of our Society.

Trusting our request will meet your full understanding
we are, Dear Sir,
faithfully yours

SHANGHAI SOCIETY
OF ODD FELLOWS

Hugo Jacob
Chairman

Richard Francis Fish
Honorary Secretary

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - S.I. Station,

REPORT

File No. D. 5422(0)

Date September 18, 40.

Subject Central European Refugees - SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODDFELLOWS - Application for permission to hold meetings. S. 5/24/44 D.I.

Made by D.S.I. Pitts. *Forwarded by* D.S.I. Logan.

No meetings of this or any Society will be permitted on licensed premises.

Copy of this report with this endorsement to D.O. "D"

R.W. Forke
D.C. (S.B.)
18/9

Sent, 18/9.

The Shanghai Society of European Oddfellows for which permission is sought to hold meetings every Thursday evening in the Restaurant Rosenthal, 69 Chusan Road, has been sponsored by a number of European Jewish refugees now resident in Shanghai who, in Europe, were highly placed members of the internationally known Oddfellows' organization.

The aims and objects of the Oddfellows, meetings of which are held in secret - only duly recognized members being permitted to attend - are charitable and philanthropic in character. The motto of the Order sums up these aims very ably:-

Visit the Sick;
Relieve the Distressed;
Bury the Dead and
Educate the Orphan.

From these laudable objects the organization can be summed up in so many words as a mutual-aid association. Members pay so much per month as dues, the sums of which are utilized to carry out the work as outlined in the tenets of the organization.

The Shanghai organization has at present 65 members who, if the society does function at some future date, will pay monthly dues of not more than $2.00 each. The financial status of intending members is not high and the fee has necessarily to be kept low in order to encourage past members of European lodges to join the proposed society. On the other hand, however, it is anticipated that many members will subscribe more in ratio to their means.

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Thus it can be observed that the amount of charitable work the organization is able to conduct depends entirely on the number of members enrolled and the amount of money collected as dues and subscriptions. It is also obvious that not a great deal of charitable and philanthropic work can be undertaken with the small amount of money at their disposal at present.

An Oddfellows' Lodge existed in Shanghai some fifteen years ago, its members consisting of many prominent British and American residents, but with the passing of time, its usefulness waned and it now no longer functions.

In informed circles it is said that the Oddfellows is a worthy and well-intentioned organization that functions on lines approaching those used by Masonic and Buffalo Lodges. It is considered to be less exclusive and influential than Masonic bodies but more so than Buffalo organizations. Ritual plays an important role in the meetings of Oddfellows' Lodges and entrance thereto is inaccessible to non-members.

It is of interest to note that in the photographic copy of a letter dated May 15, 1940 from the Sovereign Grand Lodge addressed to the local organization mention is made that "....it has been deemed prudent not to charter any new lodges in Europe or Asia at this time... .....". This seems to indicate, therefore, that the parent body is at present withholding its power to sanction the functioining of the newly sponsored offspring

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A point, too, that must not be lost sight of is the fact that the majority of the intending members of the local group are German Jews and therefore still German citizens. While it is admitted that the local German authorities are not greatly worried over the activities of refugees, it is a fact that in accordance with German laws, all secret organizations are forbidden. The proposed meeting place for the society is in Restaurant Rosenthal, Chusan Road, which can be termed a very ordinary Hongkew 'coffee-house.'

The existing committee of six members as named in the attached communication comprises persons against whom nothing of an unfavourable nature is known. On the other hand these members are by no means well-established in Shanghai, are by no means financially well-off and furthermore do not inspire confidence.

J. Price

D.S.I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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Spaetere
Verbindung:
Chase Bank.
99 Nanking Road
Shanghai

Shanghai - Society

of

European Odd - Fellows.

„Thomas Wildey"

P. O. Box
226
Shanghai

Rg. Nr. Shanghai 20 August 1940.

To the
Commissioner of the Police
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the conversation which two functionaries of our SOCIETY - the chairman Mr.Hugo Jacob and the protocoling secretary Captain Richard Francis Fisher have had with an official of the P.H.Q. on the 13.th inst.(room 207) we beg you to give the

SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODD FELLOWS

the allowance to hold meetings every Thursday in the evening at the Restaurant Rosenthal,69,Chusan Road.

This SOCIETY was constituted from German Refugees who were since many years Odd Fellow Members in their homeland.If we shall name the ethical aims of this well known philantropical Order it is sufficient to point to the device of the INDEPENDANT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS:

" We command you to visit the sick
" Relieve the distressed
" Bury the dead and
" Educate the orphans."

Herewith are paraphrased the main points of the laws of our ORDER and demonstrate its ethical efforts.

According our statutes of which you find here enclosed a copy all political confessional and other improper speeches are forbidden.

We hope Dear Sir,that you will give us the permission to hold our meetings weekly.It is our ardent desire to continue our philantropical work.We have lost all but one we kept:the ideal worlds perception of our belowed ORDER.In spite of all oppressions persecutions and disappointments we remaind faithful to the mind of our worldwide ORDER. He is for us in our exile a great consolation because he has joined us again and we hope that the P.H.Q.will give us the possibility to be busy in this mind.

We also enclose the desired list of our present functionaries,further a photocopy of a letter of the SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.We would be very much obliged to you if we would get the permission to meet very soon and we remain,Dear Sir,

most respectfully yours
SHANGHAI SOCIETY
OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hugo Jacob
Chairman

Richard Francis Fisher
protocoling secretary

Enclosure.
Registered.

C o p y.

S T A T U T E S

OF THE SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODD FELLOWS.

1.

NAME and RESIDENCE.

The union in the following named SOCIETY bears the name SHANGHAI SOCIETY OF ODD FELLOWS an has its residence in Shanghai.

2.

PURPOSE and AIM.

The SOCIETY works according to the use of the unions in the INDEPENDANT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.It aims at the joining on the whole world sutrounding INDEPENDANT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.(I.O.O.F.)

3.

[illegible] working term all political confessional [illegible] improper [illegible] are forbidden.

4.

CONSTITUTION.

The SOCIETY was constituted on the twenty eight od December nineteenhundred ant thirtynine at Shanghai.All elections before the acceptance of the statutes by the members of the SOCIETY as also all determinations keep their validity.

5.

MEMBERSHIP.

Only men of high moral character of an age of 21 (twenty one) years lest can be admitted as members of th SOCIETY.They must believe an the FATHER OF ALL the Creator of the universe.

The members of the SOCIETY are divided in three groups.

1.) ordinary members that are brothers of an I.O.O. F. lodge in Middle Europe.
2.) Members of a Middle European youth organization of the I.O.O.F.
3.) extraordinary members that are already introduced friends of the SOCIETY who will became members of a lodge when the SOCIETY will be charter ed by the SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

6.

The above mentioned members 1) and 2)have to nominate in writing their membership to the SOCIETY till 31 (thirty first) of March 1940 at the latest.Members of for mer Liddle European Lodges arriving later at Shanghai have to notify their membership of the SOCIETY 40 days after their arrival at latest.

7.

PARTICIPATION ON WORKING TERMS.

The SOCIETY holds working terms of two kinds and that ordinary and extraordinary ones.On extraordinary working terms only ordinary members (ODD FELLOWS) can take part.

8.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

The membership terminates:
a) by death
b) by spantanous withdraw
c) by reason of not paying of the shares
d) by exclusion.

9.

FINANCES.

The receipts of The SOCIETY consist of:
1) shares of the members
2) proceeds of the sale of books an distinguishing marks and net proceeds of arrangements.
the expenditures of the SOCIETY consist of:
1) expenses
2) supplyments.

10.

DISSOLUTION.

The SOCIETY only can be solved by a resolution of two thirds of the membership in an extraordinary working term. For the distribution of perhaps existing state of property decides the finansial committee.

11.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The SOCIETY is managed by the following ordinary members (Odd Fellows)
1.) Chairman
2.) Two vice-chairmen
3.) protocoling secretary
4.) treasurer
5.) financial secretary
The poll of the Board of directors takes place every year in the first week of December.

12.

VERIFYING OF THE CASH.

For the veryfying and controling of the cash and the cash-books are to be elected 3 (three) ordinary members (ODD FELLOWS).The poll takes place every year in the first week of December.

13.

FRANCHISE.

Only ordinary members (Odd Fellows) of the SOCIETY are entitled to vote.

14.

HANGE OF TATUTES.

Change of statutes must be proposed in writing by 5 (five) ordinary members (Odd Fellows) at least.Delibera-

Deliberation and resolution on the change of statutes must be discused in a particular working term of ordinary members (Odd Fellows) Change of statutes demands two third majority.

15.

Thankful to the country and the authorities of Shanghai we hand in our statutes for ratification.Based on we shall be happy to work in the ideal principles of the INDEPENDANT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Shanghai,February 1940.

SHANGHAI SOCIETY
OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

GEORGE S. STARRETT, GRAND SIRE
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, U. S. A.
May 15, 1940

Shanghai-Society of Odd Fellows
P. O. Box 226
Shanghai, China

Dear Brothers:

Your communication addressed to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge relative to the rendering of a Charter of the new lodge in Shanghai has been received at this office from the Grand Secretary and after considerable consideration of the matter and consultation with my Advisory Board, it has been deemed prudent not to charter any new lodges in Europe or Asia at this time on account of the present war and world conditions. I shall be glad, however, to present your case along with the conditions of our Order in foreign countries, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for consideration and such action as it may deem wise to take.

I commend and congratulate our brothers contained on the list of members of your society for your desire to continue to affiliate with our fraternity and I am quite sure that as soon as world affairs will justify and permit the Sovereign Grand Lodge will provide ways and means for you to do so.

With highest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

George S. Starrett
Grand Sire

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Shanghai 20. August 1940

List of the present functionaries.

Chairman	Hugo Jacob, 548/7, Dalny Road
I. Vice Chairman	Otto Goldschmidt, 133/319, Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
II. do.	Dr. Norbert Cassel MD. 45, Broadway,
Protocoling Secretry	Captain Richard Francis Fisher, 288/3, Chaoufoong Road.
Treasurer	Nathan Zlotnicki, 177, Chusan Road,
Financial Secretary	Bruno Schneider, Dental Depot, 150/189, Embankment Bldg. Room 100.

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